

House Resolution 1395

By: Representatives Stephens of the 161st, Gordon of the 162nd, Bryant of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Day of the 163rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. David Hall on his installation as the fifth president of the
2 University of the Virgin Islands; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. David Hall has long been recognized as a preeminent scholar in the field
4 of law and for his distinguished career as an educational administrator; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Savannah, Georgia, Dr. Hall graduated from A. E. Beach High
6 School and holds a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University, a master's degree and a
7 law degree from the University of Oklahoma, and a doctorate in juridical science and an
8 L.L.M. from Harvard Law School; and

9 WHEREAS, he has dedicated over 20 years to teaching in law schools at the University of
10 Mississippi, the University of Oklahoma, and Northeastern University and was instrumental
11 in the creation of Northeastern's Urban Law and Public Policy Institute; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall made history as the first African American to hold the position of dean
13 at Northeastern University School of Law and he also served as the school's provost and
14 senior vice president for academic affairs; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure as an administrator with Northeastern, Dr. Hall oversaw
16 significant growth in the university's external research funding, retention rate, and overall
17 academic standing; and

18 WHEREAS, an accomplished author, Dr. Hall has published numerous works on civil rights,
19 the United States Constitution and race, legal education, and social justice; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall's book, *The Spiritual Revitalization of the Legal Profession: A Search*
21 *for Sacred Rivers*, focuses on the intersection of law and spirituality, and he lectures
22 nationally on social justice, leadership, diversity, and spiritual values in professional life; and

23 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Marilyn, and he has
24 been blessed with three children, Rahsaan, Sakile, and Kiamsha; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall began his tenure as the fifth president of the University of the Virgin
26 Islands on August 1, 2009, and has been honored by the school with a Distinguished
27 University Professorship of Spirituality and Professionalism; and

28 WHEREAS, in recognition of his many contributions to students and the field of legal
29 education, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary
30 commitment and accomplishments of this outstanding individual.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize the outstanding career of Dr. David Hall, commend his
33 decades of sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education,
34 and congratulate him upon his installation as president of the University of the Virgin
35 Islands.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. David Hall.